

Sept.18th 2008 Minutes : Facilitation of Community Choices Committee

The Committee met in the Town Room, Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:02

Members Present, Stan Gawle, Gerald Jolly, Alison Donta- Venman, Martha Hanner ,Isaac Ben-Ezra . Katherine Vorwerk- Feldman, Bob Saul ,Irvin Rhodes and Joan Golowich

Members Absent : Richard Spurgin

Others Present : John Musante and Stephanie O’Keeffe

Minutes of Sept.11,2008 On a motion by Alison Donta-Venman and a second by Bob Saul, the revised draft minutes of the Sept.11th meeting were approved with the following corrections; The seconder of the Minutes of Sept.5,2008 was Isaac Ben-Ezra, not John Musante; Jerry Jolly will be responsible for only directing the set up of the October 2nd meeting and the library display responsibilities would be shared by Kathy Vorwerk Feldman and Martha Hanner.

Reports on Action Items:

Irv Rhodes reported that he contacted the schools and will have a tentative schedule by Friday. He suggested that we invite precinct members to the various schools where the presentations would be held. Jerry Jolly suggested that we invite members of the general public . Martha Hanner questioned whether the e-mail parent distribution list would be used. Irv Rhodes stated that it would as well as a back pack stuffer.

Alison Donta-Venman noted that the website has a different name for our committee and that might be confusing to the public. John Musante said that he would see to it that the website correction to our committee’s name was done.

Stephanie O’Keeffe noted that the committee could utilize the public comment period at 6:35 to mention the Oct.2nd presentation.

Isaac Ben-Ezra reported that he had met with the Town Meeting Coordinating Committee last Thursday. The committee agreed to set up a meeting for Town Meeting Members on either Oct. 21st or 22nd that would also be open to the public . Meeting notices would be sent out by Town Hall staff. He also stated that ACTV would do Public Service Announcements on the presentation meeting schedule.

Alison Donta-Venman agreed to draft an e-mail invitation for members to use.

Bob Saul reported that he had contacted the Union News and that a letter to the editor would be in this week’s Bulletin. The issue of contacting college students was raised. Bob Saul and Martha Hanner will write personal invitations to the heads of the three colleges .In that letter, they would request that the institution utilize their various publicity methods to notify the students when the presentations would be made. Copies would be sent to the Select Board and Town Manager.

Bob Saul also reported that the meeting schedule would be penciled in by the end of next week. The issue of an add came up but it was pointed out there was no money. Irv Rhodes agree to contact Publisher Julian .

The issue of the questionnaire was raised by Alison Donta-Venman as to whether or not we would be requesting demographic data as well. Question 7 of the questionnaire was reviewed . On a motion by Bob Saul and a second by Isaac Ben-Ezra, question seven was removed. Martha Hanner said the questionnaire would be on next week's agenda.

Kathy Vorwerk Feldman and Martha Hanner have developed the draft library display which will be scheduled as part of next week's meeting.

Revised Draft Presentation: Bob Saul and Alison Donta Venman presented the revised slide show. There were several suggestions and or modifications. Alison agreed to incorporate them into the slide presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35